

# HAPPENINGS at the SAB

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

At the beginning of the fiscal year the SAB Staff Office introduced a new feature, a Guest Editorial, to offer a venue where Happenings followers could express their views and insights on various issues that would be of interest to the Board and the Agency. As of today, the response from our readership has been minimal. Yet, we continue in the spirit of inclusion and would like to hear your thoughts on how to enhance communication and create a newsletter that would be more informative and more attractive to our readers.

The Board and Staff Office are entering into key discussions on how to improve the way we do business and would like to ensure your opinions are reflected in the new plan. Therefore, we pose the following questions one last time. What are the some of the topics you would like to see in Happenings? And, is Happenings serving as a valuable tool for you? Please elaborate on your responses. By answering these questions you will assist us in making some crucial decisions concerning the best way to communicate our activities and products, but we need to hear from you. Please send all comments concerning Happenings to me, Vickie Richardson, at [richardson.vickie@epa.gov](mailto:richardson.vickie@epa.gov). All comments will be considered.

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## TENTATIVE SAB MEETING CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH

Several of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) meetings noted below have been announced in the Federal Register (FR), together with additional background information. Readers can automatically receive e-mailed copies of FR Notices by subscribing to the SAB Listserver; see Section Updates below.

If a series of meetings is anticipated, the number of the meeting in the series is indicated in parentheses; e.g., "(#2)".

### FEBRUARY



<b>6 F</b>	<b>Committee:</b>	Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)
	<b>Topic(s):</b>	Project Work Plan for Revised Air Quality Criteria for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants
	<b>Purpose:</b>	To evaluate and assess the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health and welfare which may be expected from the presence of these pollutants in the ambient air.
	<b>Location:</b>	Ariel Rios North, Room 6013, Teleconference
	<b>Chair:</b>	<i>Dr. Philip Hopke, Clarkson University</i>
	<b>DFO:</b>	<i>Mr. Fred Butterfield</i>
	<b>Email:</b>	<i>butterfield.fred@epa.gov</i>

## Happenings at the Science Advisory Board

**7 F**

**Committee:** Executive Committee's (EC) Subcommittee Human Health Research Strategy (HHR5) Review Panel  
**Topic(s):** HHR5 document  
**Purpose:** To review, revise, and approve draft report for delivery to the SAB's Executive Committee  
**Location:** Ariel Rios North, Room 6013, Teleconference  
**Chair:** *Dr. James Klaunig, Indiana University*  
**DFO:** *Dr. Suhair "Sue" Shallal*  
**Email:** *shallal.suhair@epa.gov*

**13-14**

**Committee:** Ecological Processes & Effects Committee (EPEC)  
**Topic(s):** Guidelines for Deriving Numerical National Water Quality Criteria for the Protection of Aquatic Organisms and Their Uses and a variety of ecological science priorities  
**Purpose:** To receive briefings on upcoming projects and future potential SAB studies.  
**Location:** TBA  
**Chair:** *Dr. Virginia Dale, Oak Ridge National Laboratory*  
**DFO:** *Mr. Lawrence Martin*  
**Email:** [martin.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:martin.lawrence@epa.gov)

**14 F**

**Committee:** Executive Committee's (EC) Subcommittee Contaminated Sediments Science Plan (CSSP)  
**Topic(s):** CSSP document  
**Purpose:** To review, revise, and approve the Panel's document for delivery to the SAB's EC.  
**Location:** Ariel Rios North, Room 6013, Teleconference  
**Chair:** *Dr. Michael McFarland, Utah State University*  
**DFO:** *Mr. Lawrence Martin*  
**Email:** *martin.lawrence@epa.gov*

## Happenings at the Science Advisory Board

**24-25**

**Committee:** Executive Committee's (EC) Science & Technology Review Panel  
**Topic(s):** EPA's Science and Technology Budget Request for 2004  
**Purpose:** To review the science and technology budget for the Agency.  
**Location:** J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC  
**Chair:** *Dr. Genevieve Matanoski, Johns Hopkins University*  
**DFO:** *Mr. Thomas Miller*  
**Email:** [miller.tom@epa.gov](mailto:miller.tom@epa.gov)

**25-27**

**Committee:** Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)  
**Topic(s):** Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM)  
**Purpose:** (i) To conduct a consultation on two supplements being developed for MARSSIM; (ii) To receive briefings and program updates from the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air projects; and (iii) To discuss possible self-initiated projects for the RAC or ad hoc panels in this and the following fiscal year.  
**Location:** ICC East, Room 1117A  
**Chair:** *Dr. Janet Johnson, MFG, Inc.*  
**DFO:** *Dr. K. Jack Kooyoomjian*  
**Email:** [kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov](mailto:kooyoomjian.jack@epa.gov)

**MARCH**



**5 F**

**Committee:** Executive Committee (EC)  
**Topic(s):** Review Meeting  
**Purpose:** To review the following reports: (i) Review of the FY2004 Science and Technology (S&T) Budget: An SAB Report; (ii) Review of the Contaminated Sediment Science Plan: An SAB Report; and (iii) Review of the Human Health Research Strategy: An SAB Report.

## Happenings at the Science Advisory Board

Location: Ariel Rios North, Room 6013, Teleconference  
Chair: Dr. William Glaze, University of North Carolina  
DFO: Mr. A. Robert Flaak  
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Committee: Executive Committee's (EC) Science & Technology Review Panel  
Topic(s): EPA's Science and Technology Budget Request for 2004  
Purpose: To review the science and technology budget for the Agency.  
Location: Ariel Rios North, Room 6013, Teleconference  
Chair: Dr. William Glaze, University of North Carolina  
DFO: Mr. A. Robert Flaak  
Email: [flaak.robert@epa.gov](mailto:flaak.robert@epa.gov)

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Committee: Drinking Water Committee (DWC)  
Topic(s): Planning Meeting  
Purpose: To coordinate with the Office of Water and National Drinking Water Advisory Committee  
Location: TBA  
Chair: Dr. Rhodes Trussell, MWH-Montgomery Watson Harza  
DFO: Dr. James Rowe  
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COMMITTEE  
ACTIVITIES  
IN  
JANUARY



**O**n January 6, the Executive Committee's (EC) Contaminated Sediments Science Plan Review Panel held a teleconference. This was the second call scheduled following their October 30-31, 2002 face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C. The Panel reviewed the

revision of their draft report on the Contaminated Sediment Science Plan (CSSP). Revisions reflected comments received from the Panel on the preceding call. The three categories of Panel recommendations (charge questions, member's comments on issues in the CSSP, and recommendations on the function of science planning) were recommended as an organizing framework for the SAB report on the previous call and were accepted by the Panel. Additional suggestions required an additional call to be set for February 14 to finalize the Panel's report. Contact the DFO for additional information. [Mr. Lawrence

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[martin.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:martin.lawrence@epa.gov)

**O**n January 14-15, the Executive Committee (EC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board met to review and approve two reports of its committees: a) the Drinking Water Committee (DWC) report on *Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule Proposal and Stage II Disinfection / Disinfectant By-Product (DBP) Rule Proposal: An SAB Report*; and b) the Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) report on *Review of Multi-Agency Radiological Lab Analytic Protocols (MARLAP): An SAB Report*. The EC also received briefings and held discussions on: a) EPA's role in the Federal Homeland Security efforts; b) Region 5 efforts to design and implement MIRA (Multi-criteria Integrated Resource Assessment), a framework that provides real-time integration of validated data to support environmental decision analysis and environmental risk management by utilizing current scientific techniques and model/risk assessment outputs; c) the FY2003 SAB Operations Plan; d) the SAB/Staff Office retreat planned for April; and e) program specific and Agency-wide activities with the Assistant Administrators for the Office of Water and the Office of Research and Development.

**O**n January 23 and January 24 the EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Science and Technology Review Panel met via telephone conference to gather information on existing EPA Science and Technology programs. The interaction with EPA staff was part of the panel's activity to prepare itself for receipt of the FY 2004 Science and Technology Budget Request which it will review and deliberate upon

at a meeting to be held in Washington, DC from February 24 to 25, 2003. The meeting also included time for panel members to plan for their review meeting later. Additional information on this issues can be found on the SAB Website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/strpanel.html>.

### STATUS OF FORMATION OF SAB PANELS

**T**he Board has developed a revised Panel Formation process for the recruitment of ad-hoc review panels. For the latest detailed information, please visit our website, [www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html](http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/paneltopics.html).

### SAB REPORTS IN PROGRESS



### **a** PROJECTS DUE FOR THE MARCH 5 TELECONFERENCE

#### EHC

- 1) Human Health Research Strategy Review

#### EC Subcommittee

- 2) Contaminated Sediments Science Plan

#### RSAC

- 3) S&T Budget Review

**b** **PROJECTS DUE FOR A LATER EC MEETING**

EEC

- 1) Risk Reduction Options Report

EC

- 2) Cross Cutting Risk Assessment Issues

**c** **PROJECTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE EC APPROVAL (CASAC & COUNCIL)**

There are none at this time.

**d** **PROJECTS THAT HAVE RECEIVED EC APPROVAL AND AWAIT COMPLETION**

DWC

- 1) Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule Proposal and Stage II Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Product (DBP) Rule Proposal

RAC

- 2) Multi-Agency Radiological Lab Analytic Protocols

(1) SAB Website is within the EPA Home Page. You are invited to visit the SAB Website at URL: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>

The site offers such features as:

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- (b) Background information about the structure, function, and membership of the SAB
- (c) A projected six-month calendar of SAB meetings
- (d) Recent issues of HAPPENINGS
- (e) Draft/final agendas of upcoming meetings and draft/final minutes of past meetings.

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